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FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

As will be appreciated, European Patent No. 1 026 578 was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 8, 2006. Therefore, this document is not listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 nor is a copy included with the subject Information Disclosure Statement.

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from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Specifically, this document was first cited in a European Search Report dated July 12, 2006, in a corresponding European patent application. A copy of the Search Report that issued on that related application is enclosed.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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